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Japanese Seeking Birthplace, Relatives of Canadian Father Who Died In Korea In 1914

TOKYO — A Japanese is seeking his Canadian father's birthplace and his relatives.

Akio Yoshino, 38, in a letter to The New Canadian this week, requested help in locating relatives of his Canadian father John Authur who had died a week following his birth in Hokuchin, a small town in North Korea.

Yoshino's father and his Japanese mother had been living in Hokuchin on July 16, 1914, when a heavy rain washed away their home, resulting in the death of the father. Authur had been employed by the Oriental Mining Co.

Yoshino's mother had subsequently taken the small child away to her native prefecture in Kumamoto-ken, Japan, but had left him a month later.

Yoshino was registered as a Japanese since his Canadian father had died so soon after his birth. He relates that since he was a half-breed he was used as a scapegoat and an object of derision by other Japanese children since Japan at that time had been overridden by a clique that boasted the superiority of the Japanese race.

Following his graduation from public school, Yoshino was haunted for most of his life by this discrimination and lived his life under the hatred of others. During World War II, he had worked in a mine in Hokkaido in semi-slave conditions.

At the beginning of the Korean War, he tried to enlist in the United Nations forces but was rejected because of his Japanese National registry. His purpose had been to visit his father's tomb in North Korea.

His mother who had deserted him as a child had recently claimed that it was his duty as a son to support her.

He is presently living at 14 Kurekawa-Cho, Uchide, Ashiya-Shi, Hyogo-Ken, Japan. He would appreciate any word of the information he seeks although he has no details except for his father's name.

passing thru

By Ken Adachi

With Stardust

When you're young, they'll tell you, you've got stardust in your eyes. You've got the lilt, the bounce, la joie de vivre, the all-consuming desire to live life. Like the sparkling bubbles in a glass of champagne.

Or you're full of ideals. Like Don Quixote charging into the windmill, you're filled with ideals, precious ones, and you will fight to the death to defend them whether you are right or not. With the wide-eyed eager look that comes from an undefiled ingenuous mind, you will tackle things with an inquiring mind, always asking questions, forever searching into the why of things.

When you're young, they'll tell you, dark shadows never cross your face. Horrible words like frustration, disillusionment, despondency are not included in your personal vocabulary. The wrinkled brow, the look of hurt in the eyes, the uneasy frown, the blanket of cynicism are not the wounds or the armour of the young.

Or you're full of dreams. Dreams of an ivory-castle nature with virginal clouds scudding by, an imagery that you cherished so much. Dreams of a better world, world without end, peace without war, and of the things you want to do. Ambition, desire, hope are words in your personal lexicon.

So you talk endlessly about life. What is life, you ask. You get no pat answer, only the vague uneasy whisper of thunder in the distance that leaves you troubled for a fleeting moment but evaporates, like the calm that come after fury.

They'll tell you this. You're young. But you're like the exotic desert flower that blooms with power and glory but so desperately.

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What Is Maturity?

What is maturity? It sounds like an impressive word. It has a sound of tweedy permanence, of steady dependability. Like a rock that only bows to time, unlike the fleeting flower of youth.

Maturity is something often mistaken for age. Not many people attain it. It's not the mere matter of passing from the teenages into the twenties or the thirties. It's not the matter of poise and bearing and manner. Complete maturity does not necessarily come with the maturing of the body. It's a much abused thing.

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Two Given Fellowships To Tour Asian Nations By Travel Committee

SAN FRANCISCO — Among three outstanding young men chosen to tour Japan this summer are 17-year old Ernest Bokura of San Francisco and Yoshiro Katsura of Berkeley, Calif. The third is a Filipino-American, Robert Acoba.

They are on a fellowship awarded by the Committee for Free Asia Travel and will engage in YMCA work in the Orient. While in Japan, they will live in the homes of Japanese families and take part in the YMCA program and join the Japanese youths in joint projects.

Restores Seniority To JA Civil Workers

WASHINGTON — The United States Congress early this month passed a legislation giving Federal employees of Japanese ancestry the seniority and time in grade they lost during World War II as a result of the 1942 evacuation.

About 200 Japanese Americans in the mainland and Hawaii are affected, the majority of whom are in the postal service.

The Senate Committee on Post Office and Civil Service said many of these Nisei who lost their jobs because of the evacuation, later served with distinction in the war.

Pacific Citizen Shifts To L.A. Editor Resigns

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — As of October, 1952, Pacific Citizen, the weekly newspaper of the Japanese American Citizens League, will be moved to Los Angeles. The PC began as a weekly, published in Salt Lake City, in 1942.

When it moves to Los Angeles, it will be published under an editorial committee headed by Saburo Kido. Its present editor, Larry Tajiri, who has been with the publication since its inception ten years ago, will leave the JACL organ when it is shifted to the coast.

Japan Friendship Mission May Bring Dance Troupe Of 15 on Tour of Canada

TOKYO — In an effort to strengthen friendly ties between Canada and Japan, the Tokyo Accomplishments Research Society is hoping to bring a group of Japanese classical dancers in a three-month tour of Canadian and American cities.

George Yagi, head of the proposed Canada-Japan Civil Friendship Mission, hopes to bring a troupe of 15 persons including twelve women and three men in a tour which would embrace cities such as Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

Provided the group can make arrangements to enter Canada, it plans to donate the profits gained from performances of the Japanese classical dances to Canada's churches or to the consolation of the wounded on the Korean front.

Said Yagi, "It is our sincere desire to commemorate the many servicemen who have given their lives for world peace and also to console their surviving families. We also realize that it is becoming more and more important to tighten the friendship between Canada and Japan. We have mapped out a plan of a Civil Friendship Mission which will make a trip through Canada and the United States to show Japan's classical dances."

M. Masaoka to Write History of Long Struggle To Gain Equality in Naturalization—Immigration

LOS ANGELES — The long political struggle of Japanese Americans to gain equality in immigration and naturalization that was capped by a recent legislative victory in Congress, is to be recorded.

George Inagaki, the newly elected president of the JACL, announced last week that the history of the fight leading to the enactment of the McCarran-Walter bill, will be written. It was also disclosed that Mike Masaoka, past national JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director and a prominent figure in the struggle, will undertake the writing.

In making this choice, Inagaki said that Masaoka is the one most closely identified with the issue and therefore the logical person to prepare a comprehensive and personalized account of all that transpired before the immigration and naturalization bill was passed.

Masaoka has already indicated his willingness to undertake the project.

The history will be translated into Japanese and distributed extensively in Japan, since the people there have expressed a great interest in getting all the detailed aspects of the JACL's greatest single achievement, the president said. This chronicle can serve as a valuable illustration of the workings of the democratic processes and show how a minority group working in the democratic tradition can achieve its purpose, Inagaki added.

It was also indicated that the history will try to give adequate credit to all the Issei without whose sacrificial aid, the JACL leader said, the legislative program could not have been undertaken.

Masaoka's Win In Alien Land Law Test Case

SAN FRANCISCO — In a similar decision as handed down in the Sei Fujii case last April, the California Supreme Court again ruled the State's Alien Land law unconstitutional.

The case tested the right of the citizen children of Mrs. Haruye Masaoka, a resident alien of Japanese alien, then ineligible for citizenship, to make her the gift of a home for her use and occupancy. Under the Alien land law, ownership of real property was prohibited to "aliens ineligible to citizenship."

Involved in the case as one of the sons of Mrs. Masaoka is Mike Masaoka, the Nisei lobbyist in Washington.

Students of 5 Nations Join Japan Work Camps

TOKYO — A total of 150 college youths from the United States, Philippines, China, Korea and Japan are to spend their summer in five work camps in Japan. Project is under the supervision of the Youth Commission of the National Christian Council.

Camps, which will be located in different parts of Japan, will undertake such worthwhile projects as building playgrounds for children, laying a foundation for a building digging drainage.

Under the direction of Rev. William Des Autels, a Methodist missionary, the camps will operate from July 14 to Aug. 9.

Visits Toronto This Week, Aims to Increase Trade

Sadao Iguchi, Japan's ambassador to Canada, will make his first visit to Toronto this week, when he hopes to pay his respects to the Mayor of [illegible] and the Lieutenant [illegible].

During his stay here, the Ambassador will be [illegible] banquet by the [illegible] of the Toronto JCCA at the King Edward Hotel on July [illegible].

[illegible] Ambassador [illegible] that one of the first things he hoped to do was [illegible] Canada and visit as many Japanese Canadians as possible.

His prime purpose, he said, was to try to sell more Japanese goods in Canada, noting that the [illegible] hope for prosperity to return to Japan was a growth in foreign trade.

NEW JACL PRESIDENT

SAN FRANCISCO — George Inagaki of Venice, Calif., was elected [illegible] national president of the JACL, succeeding Dr. Randolph Sakada of Chicago, at elections held at the 12th biennial convention last month.

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LET'S HAVE CONSISTENCY

An editorial in a west coast newspaper suggests that Canadian-born or naturalized Canadians of Japanese ancestry who fought in the Japanese armed forces against Canada are nothing less than traitors and recommends their arrest or trial for treason if they seek to re-enter Canada. It further argues that such persons by the very act of entering enemy forces have renounced their Canadian citizenship. "Let him stay in Japan. Let the immigration law be changed to exclude him", the editorial writers flatly expound.

It must be suggested here that this type of reasoning is not consistent since Government policy allows Canadian-born or naturalized Canadians of German or Italian ancestry who fought "under compulsion" in the war against Canada to return to these Canadian shores. We do not suggest the following but if blandishment must be given to those poor unfortunates who did serve in enemy forces during the past war, then it should be given equal distribution. Let the editorial writers at least be consistent.

Circumstance of compulsion did force some to serve in the Japanese forces, mainly under the insidious influence of the all-powerful military police and the subsequent fear of reprisal both to themselves and their relatives in the case of refusal. There are cases where persons inducted into the Japanese Army tried to assert their Canadian citizenship.

We may even agree that Canadian-born or naturalized citizens who fought in the Japanese forces (of which there are estimated to be 150) voluntarily and with no compulsion are in the category of "traitors" and that they rightfully have lost claim to Canadian citizenship through such an inimical act. Other circumstances, however, should be looked into as in the cases of those who were compelled.

We suggest that the editorial writers of the newspaper should examine this side of the case more thoroughly. It is only "democratic" that they should.

THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL

The lack of knowledge of the Japanese language among many members of the second generation is something that has been termed as unfortunate and considered by some as lamentable. No one can doubt, however, that in succeeding generations that such a knowledge will largely diminish, perhaps into obscurity, an indication of the process of assimilation and the slacking of emphasis of things Japanese.

We note the report of a movement that is now being pushed in Vancouver to re-open the Vancouver Japanese Language School on Alexander Street, particularly by the JCCA Chapter there.

Their reasons for such a move are somewhat obstract and nebulous, that of the Nisei furthering cultural relations between Canada and Japan through the knowledge of the Japanese language. We hope that there will be no danger of the movement leading Niseis into expending too much time and energy into the language school which had tended in pre-war years, to isolating the Nisei from the community as a whole by the monopoly of time. The idea of improving relations between Canada and Japan is admirable but it must be done only in the capacity of the Japanese Canadians as Canadian citizens first and only.

As long as it does not obscure our ultimate purpose of assimilation and contribution toward Canadian society, we can say nothing in condemnation but in approval. It should be the association's purpose to create projects that will develop the personality into fitting it into making contacts with the Canadian society.

To T. M. K.

A Bull Is Baited

Your tempting bait has ensnared a bull.

I have followed your intriguing column and I feel that your ideas and questions demand a reaction. You have impressed me (a student going into second year Science at McGill) as a mature, "sophisticated", and sensible individual. As a matter of fact, it is from people like you that we expect our answers. However, I find that, on the contrary, your column is bursting with questions.

You ask why there are no Nisei philosophers, why we are so ignorant of our ancestral culture, etc. The questions you ask are left hanging in mid-air. You want this deplorable condition rectified but you do not indicate why this condition exists.

One of your readers comments that the lack of spiritual values among Niseis stems from complacency and smugness. You reply that the Nisei are complacent because they do not think. I wonder if the "average" Nisei is properly equipped for the art of contemplation?

Of course you are "baiting the bull".

I believe that the lack of philosophical trait in the present day Nisei has its roots in the tragic happenings of the last World War.

Even before the war, the Japanese in Canada were not integrated, but formed "little Tokyo's" of their own. This self-isolation of the Japanese cannot totally be blamed to racial discrimination when we recall that the Chinese were more dispersed than the Japanese living in the same community. Can the Shinto doctrine that taught the superiority of the Japanese race have something to do with it?

Pearl Harbor and its well known consequences on the Japanese Canadians accentuated matters. Japanese Canadians perforce, were concentrated in relocation camps. Western influence dwindled in those hovels with Niseis more than ever before beginning to sprinkle the Japanese language in their English conversation. This became an incorrigible habit to certain individuals. Re-adjustment in new homes in the East became difficult due to years of semi-isolation in a Japanese ghost-town community.

A few determined ones overcame the obstacles. The ghost-town years which were their stumbling blocks were turned into stepping-stones to higher ambitions and achievements. Few students excelled their hakujin class mates, even in English.

Some never got over what might be called their "lost years". Many Niseis became (and still are) aspiring mathematists, physicists, chemists, and scientists. But in throwing English out of the window, they threw away their interest in philosophy, history, literature, and the arts.

This perhaps far-fetched theory is my explanation why Niseis are so crude and scientific in their outlook on life. They do not read enough to cultivate an interest in thinking.

Yosh Taguchi,
Montreal, P. Q.

LIMIT IS 200

Our Canadian dollar being quoted at from three to four cents above the American has its advantages as well as disadvantages. On the darker side, it hurts Canadian export trade to the United States and it doesn't hit off with the American tourists visiting Canada.

On the other hand, now is the best time to visit the United States and the prices of American goods, theoretically anyway, are now cheaper.

These variances of the exchange rate have a great effect on the economy of big business and it is quick to take advantage of them. We should do that too. For instance, if we are driving to the U.S., we should reach the American border with the tank nearly dry and fill up on their side. Look at the savings now, with the Canadian dollar being higher.

But don't let American prices fool you. In at least 31 states, there are state taxes to be paid above the marked price.

PASSING THRU

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How does one acquire it? Does it hit you with the terrifying impact of a cry in the night when the streets are deserted and lonely and there is only the clicks of your heels on the cold pavement? Does it creep up slowly through suffering and thinking, sifting and pondering? And when you get it, you sometimes get that feeling that you really haven't accomplished anything.

Moments of pain and tears are bedfellows with the coming of age. A maturity gained through mere serenity and unquestioning without a break in the line is something to be questioned and doubted. It doesn't hint of anything basic or enduring.

It is an intangible. You can't lay it on the table for examination. You just carry it within yourself.

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Not All Lost

Can you not combine the two. The feeling of being young and the fact of being mature. Certainly.

You don't stop inquiring about things merely because you attain a certain state of maturity or a certain age. You keep on asking questions all your life but this time on things basically more important than the irrelevancies or the fickle whims of youth. You get a little disillusioned and a little less idealistic but you don't suddenly lose the lust for life and settle in the sticky sediment of disinterest in the things that appeal to you.

The wide-eyed look may disappear to be replaced by some cynicism but a touch of the latter is good too since it acts as a restrainer upon any kind of mawkish sentiment that sweeps the naive into the foolish. You get more interested in talking about life and its values since your feet are clamped firmly on the ground and less inclined to wallow in the fields of posies.

Your step may no longer be full of bounce but firm and steady. Your eyes may no longer reflect the promise of a never-never land but will still be flecked with the promise of a thousand springtimes.

ACROSS MY MIND . . .

By Jack Nakamoto

Japan's exhibits at the Canadian International Trade Fair held last month in Toronto proved to be fairly successful in comparison with the initial project of last year, reports Mr. Toshiro Akasaki, commercial secretary of the Japanese Embassy.

Representing twice the number of inquiries made last year, a total of 639 queries was put forth at the Japanese booths. There were five trial orders this year, whereas there were none made the year before. Of the number of inquiries, toys and Christmas decorations headed the list with 66, and of all things, people were most curious about toy pianos.

Press reports of the exhibits were mostly favourable and even judicious investment consellors reported that the Japanese exhibits were small but of good quality.

Although the Japanese Canadians may have very little, if any, to do with Japan-Canada trade, and, compared with hakujin were more critical of the displays, Mr. Akasaki nevertheless welcomed their views and felt that most of their criticisms coincided with those of his.

It is nonetheless hoped that the succeeding exhibits will eventually bear fruit to the extent of improving Japan's balance of trade. Since Japan depends on foreign trade for her very existence and as she has lost her traditional and biggest market in China, she will be probably depending on Canada more than ever, although Canada is not one of Japan's biggest customers. The irony of it all is that while Japan herself needs a greater volume and number of markets, she relies today more than ever on Canadian sources for her supply of vital raw materials.

During the best year before the war, Japan exported to Canada goods valued at $14 million. However, in terms of today's monetary value, Japan must sell about $28 million worth to equal that amount.

Whatever had been the average export yearly from Japan to Canada before the war, the exports must surpass that average if the exhibits are to prove their worth.

馬喰一代（十二）

中山正男

利吉親子の願望もあつて、まもなく米太郎の得業證書は許されたが、それ以來彼は全く學業に興味を失つてしまつた。

先生たちも小島先生も、何んとかして通學させようとあらゆる思いやりをつくしてみたが、どうしてもその氣にならなかつた。ところが、ある日それは栗林の中頃であつた。米太郎が父親の利吉にむかつて

「おれさ馬の子買つてくれたら學校へゆくべ」

と、いうことだつた。米太郎は幼いときから馬と牛、羊鶏にいたるまで動物が好きだつた。親に叱られて家に入れないときは、よく馬小屋で馬と遊んでいた。その頃の北海道には道産仔（ドサンゴ）と言つて氣の荒い馬がいたが、米太郎は不思議にその道産仔を手なづけて鼻いきひとつたたせなかつた。

利吉は、親にあまる米太郎だけに可愛いかつた。もし學校を中途でよさせたら、どんなひねくれた人間になるかもしれないと思えば、ひとつの安全地帶におく意味でも、學校だけはつゞけさせたかつた

利吉はその頃一家のきりもりをまかせてしまつた長左衞門と夜おそくまで相談した。二、三日してから、米太郎の條件はいれられた。その時の馬は三才馬の青毛だつた。彼はその馬の背に乘つて、通學することを得意にしていた。ひる休みのときなどはよく裏に流れる大川へつれていつて身體を洗つてやつた。青毛はよく彼になれた。彼の聲をきくとどんなに野深かく放牧されていても、すぐ彼の手許にかへつてきた。

朝露のまだあるうちに、彼はよく馬をひいて草むらをこいだ。彼の着物が胸までぬれるときがあつても平氣だつたそれが若駒のくすりだと教えられていたから、一日として缺かさなかつた。

放牧が終えてわが家に歸る道はいつも速歩（ダク）で飛ばした。西空のたなびくあたりを一心にみつめて、流れる氣流を滿身にうけながらよく飛ばした。壯快だつた。彼の小さな英雄心はこんなときにかきたつのであつた。

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△日本がカナダ貿易博に參加して今年で二年目、既會受入數も昨年の二倍に達したとはいうものの、仔細に檢討すると今後なお改善すべき點が多々ある。とくに出品物の質の點においても來年度のフェア參加には一層の努力を必要とすることが認められます

△日加貿易の重要性は何人も認める所ですが、私が二回にわたるフェアの國際貿易戰の渦中で働き、米英はもちろんのこと、西ドイツ、ベルギーオランダ、フランス、イタリー諸國のカナダ市場への眞劍な進出ぶりを目のあたり見てここ數年で米國の過剰の生產力とカナダの新規擴充の生產設備、歐洲からの取引ルートは、カナダ需要をガッチリと押えるだろうと思い、ここ二三年の期間こそ眞にカナダ市場の天王山であると感じました

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△このような狀態がつづけば日本品は數年後にはカナダ市場えの進出の餘地はなくなる恐れもあると思われます。その點においても又、日本の自立經濟達成のため輸出振興、とくに弗地域に對する輸出振興が當面の急務であることから見ても、來年度の貿易博えのより一層の强力な參加出品は絕對に必要であると思われます

移民歸化法闘爭秘史を刊行

正岡氏が著述、日本語にも譯し

日系米人のながいあこがれの夢だつた移民歸化法が成立するまでの秘められた立法闘爭史が第一線の殊勳者正岡マイク氏によつて書かれ市協によつて刊行されることになつたと全米市協會長稲垣ジョージ氏によつて先週末發表された移民歸化法立法には日本朝野の人士も深い關心を持つているので日本語にも譯し一般日本人社會にも配布する豫定である

日本語學校再開協議會

（晩香坡日系市民協會發表）

晩香坡日系市民協會が主催となりカドバ街晩香坡佛教會館下で日本語學校再開協議會が開催された。市協を代表して岩田敏一氏は「戰前あれ程盛んであつた日本語教育も太平洋戰の影響を受け全部閉鎖の憂き目に遭い未だに組織的獨立的の學校が興つていない。今や日加間には平和條約も發効し大使の交換も行われ當市には領事館の開設を見るに至つた。日本は戰爭に敗れたとはいえ現在では政治的にも經濟的にも文化的にもアジアの先進國であり世界の平和建設にも貢献し得る國の一つである。こうした時に若い日系人が日本語を習得するということは日加間の融和、文化の交流、貿易促進等に大きい役割を演ずることが出來る。幸に晩香坡には共立語學校建物が保存されているし且つ晩香坡を中心として開懇間に日本語學習の要望が起つている。わが市協はその要望に應えんがために日本語學校再開について研究した結果この協議會を開く運びに至つた」と開會の辭を述べ、市協會長本間清次氏は第二世の立場から

二世が日本語を知つていることは有利であり教養を高めることにもなる。井口大使も第二世は日加文化の橋渡しになれ、と言われたがそれには日本語を知つているということも一方法であろう。日本語の學習はカナダ精神と矛盾するものではない

と自己の經驗上から述べた。市協教育部主任の數田喜代三氏が議長で田端進氏を第二世への說明係として佐藤傳氏より維持會の現狀を說明、協議に入つて意見の發表や熱心なる經營方法を討議の後

吾等は日本語學習の重要性に鑑み晩香坡日本共立語學校の再開を期す

との決議を通過してその方法として

一、學校維持會の運營を眼前の軌道に乘せるよう努力する

二、右實現を期するために維持會員を募集する

三、再開實現とその成功を期する上に卒業生、維持會員、舊父兄舊母姉會員、舊敎師並に一般篤志家の精神的の積極支持を希望する

との附帶決議をも通過した。出席者は第一世の青年子女、第一世婦人をも加えて六十七名、維持會入會者はすでに五十名に上つたが更に來會者の各々は會員募集入會勸務に努めようと申合せなどもした。

惡情勢の爲でない

オタワ議會が「休會」となつた理由

サンローラン首相がオタワ議會を閉會せずに休會とし、いつでも再開できるようにしたのは、國際情勢の惡化に備えるためだと取沙汰されているが政府では議會再開日を十一月二十日ときめていることでもあるので、今から十一月の間に世界大戰が起るであろうというような惡事態を見通してのことではなく、むしろ世界情勢の危險性に對するカナダ國民の目を覺ますためからであると見られている。尤も今から十一月二十日までの間に國際情勢が議會再開を必要とする事態に發展してくるかも知れないが、それはむしろ政治的なことであつて、例えば朝鮮平和とかドイツとの條約などが議會にかけなければならぬ問題となつてくる可能性があり、其の場合、議會を閉會しておくよりも休會としておいた方が手ッ取り早く問題の處理が出來るからである。尚議會再開日を十一月二十日ときめたのは來年六月の英女王戴冠式以前に議會の仕事を完了出來るようにするのと、政府が總選擧を考えて、來年秋の議會までも審議未了の案を殘しておきたくないためからである。

山本實彦氏死去

元代議士で「改造」社々長であつた鹿兒島縣出身の山本實彦氏は去る一日東京で死去した。享年六十七

ピーシー奥地の苺

【セレスター發】當地方本年の苺は大豐作で、日本人農家七家族から一万二千クレート位は出荷するものと見られる。

ハミルトン佛教會

七月二十日に盆法要

ハミルトン佛教會では七月二十日(日)午後二時からキャスリン街一二ののドリル・ルームに於て盆法要を執行

ニューデンバーで

佛教會盆會や總長歡迎

ニューデンバー佛教會では七月八日米加佛教總長重藤師と生田開教使の來村を機會に盆法要を營み、夜は總長歡迎會を開いたがスローカン方面からの人々も加えて百三十餘名の出席者があつた。總長一行はナカスプに一泊後アルバータ州へ向つた。

●カムループス佛教會では壯婦部を新設、部長に岩崎みつ、副長に後藤おきよ、貴名よし子三夫人を擧げた。



雑録

梅月生

日本語學校再開の中心意義

六月二十七日、晩香坡日系市民の主催で日本語學校再開協議會が開かれ「日本語學習の重要性に鑑み晩香坡日本語學校の再開を期する」という決議を通過し

（一）學校維持會の運營を軌道に乘せるよう努力する

（二）右實現を期するために維持會員を募集する

（三）再開實現とその成功を期する上に卒業生、舊維持會員、舊父兄學級會員、舊教師並に一般篤志家の精神的の後援支持を希望する

との附帯的決議をも通過し、維持會入會者は既に五十名にのぼつたことが發表されている。

ここまで話が具体化し、進捗するまでには、いろいろな準備工作や「晩香坡日本共立語學校維持會」の舊會員乃至は、いまだ法的に完全に保存されている維持會の當事者たちとの話し合なども行われたことであろう。

もと〳〵晩香坡日本共立語學校は、一九〇五年に、當時の日本領事の盡力によつて、「日本の小學校令の大綱に則とり」創立された「國民學校」が發展したものであり「國民學校」（日本國民という意味か）と呼ばれた時代から、日系カナダ人のカナダに於ける生活態度や目標も漸次變つてきて、ビー・シー州日本語教育會で「善良なるカナダ市民の育成を助成する」ことを特に日本語教育の目標に掲げ宣言しなければならなかつた一九三〇年前後の「同胞社會革新時代」を經て、戰前まで續いたのである。そしてこの語學校は、只單に日本語學習所であるばかりでなく、公會堂を持ち日本文庫を備わるなど、日系人一般の文化的な中心機關の一つでもあつたし、いわゆる共有の「文化財」でもあつた。舊維持會員又は卒業生の多數が、カナダ各地、特に東部に移動していることも考慮に入れられなければなるまい。

これらの諸點を考えるとき再開の努力が拂われている晩香坡日本共立語學校は「日本語學習の要望が起つている晩香坡を中心とする、同胞の希望」だけを充たすものであつては物足りないであろうし、卒業生や舊維持會員その他一般の後援支持を得ることが容易ではないかも知れない。

前記の協議會に提出され、または、どの程度にまで考慮が拂われたかは判らないけれども、「戰後の情勢と日本語學校」と題するパンフレットの中には、日本語學校を再開する必要性を述べたのちに、その「將來の夢」として

一、この學校を漸次東洋語學校に發展せしめたい。

二、大學内に日本語科を特設するの端緒ともならしめたい。

三、更に第二世の手によつて組織的な高い程度の東洋文化研究機關にまで發展せしめるように期待したい。

ことを指摘している。

これらの中には、今後の日本語學校は戰前のそれとは全く趣きを異にした、只單に日系兒童に日本語を習得させるばかりでなく、廣く、日本語習得を希望するあらゆる人々に開放し、進んでカナダ人一般の入學をすすめカナダ人の間にも日本語を普及しなければならないことが示唆されていると思うが、これらの點を強調し、その實現に努力することによつてのみ、多くの人々の支持と後援は得られるであろう。

「二世投資組合」

米國コロラド州デンバーには、「ザ・ニセイ・インヴエスメント・アソシエーション」という二世投資組合がある。

この投資組合の目的は、同胞間の小資本を一丸とし、共同事業を興し、お互の出資金をお互の爲に最も效果的な利殖の道を講じ、相互の發展と福利增進をはかるというにある。

昨年六月に創立されたもので第一期（六月から十二月までの六ヶ月間）利益配當は、主に金融による利益だつたが年四分五厘に當つていた。第二期には、一番確實で有利なホテル事業に投資することに理事會で決定して、第二回の投資募集を開始しているが、この事業投資により第二回の利益分配率は、年二割から二割五分になる見込だそうである。

この第二回投資募集の廣告を見ると、一口五百弗、三ケ年据置き、六ケ月毎に利益分配、追加補充金を課せず、金融の回收は保證付、理事は組合員互選、入會費七弗五十仙となつている。

カナダでも、日系人相互間の金融乃至貯畜機關には、頼母子や、教會その他の團体のクレヂット・ユニオン（信用組合）などがあるけれども、ここにそのごく大体を紹介したデンバーの「二世投資組合」などはカナダでも研究し實現させることに努力する價値があるものであろう。

フォラム（投稿歓迎）

燒けなかつた教會

スローカン　レー・オー生

一村が全燒したのに、牧師が祈りを捧げていた教會のみが類燒を免かれて殘つた――ということにつき本欄で兎角の論議をしている人があつたが私から見れば何の奇蹟もないことである。私自身も相當深い信仰家だと自認しているのだが、とかく偏狭的な信仰家というものは、物理學的には當然の出來事や結果と思われることでも、宗教的な不可思議だ、奇蹟だと因縁をつけたがるものだ。

一村が丸燒けとなつたのに教會のみが殘されたからとて物理學上から見れば何んの不思議でもない。

冬、北極が氷結して寒流が衰えると、赤道直下の暖流は日本の遠海に侵入して暑氣をつくるが、暖氣が北邊に及んで忽ち氷雪をとう解すると寒流となり、折角の夏を赤道直下に追ひ返えし、シベリア嵐を誘うて日本に襲來し冬を持ち來たす。

由來暖き物は輕く冷たき物は重い。熱した空氣は上空高く浮揚する。その後を埋めるべく冷たい風となつて突入する。故に火事が起れば必らず風が起る。その風向きで火勢の方向が變れば、教會でなくとも、牧師が祈りを捧げなくても燒失を免れることも出來るのである。

これは日本のことだが、一村全燒して寺だけが殘つた一例を話そう。

私が德島縣に在住していた時のことだ。同縣名東郡上八万村字英（はなぶさ）部落というのは、小高い丘陵に半圓形にある農村で、農家が二十餘軒、雛段式に丘の頂き近くまで建ち並び絶頂には西願寺という眞言宗の巨刹がある。

或る夏の日中に一番麓にある農家から出火し瞬時にして二十餘軒に燃えひろがり一軒殘らず甜めつくした猛火は、十間と隔てぬ巨刹に迫つたが恰かも猛火に熱して吹き上げられた空氣を補うべく冷氣は丘の彼方より寒風となつて襲い來たり、遂に寺院は無事なることを得た。

同村は西端より東端へ、佐那河内川が環狀に流れて居り水利に不足のない村だが、消防の設備がないため河水の利用が出來ず慘狀を招いたのである。

火が起れば空氣が動くのは當然で、雨乞いするのに山上で大火を焚くのも同じ理窟からである。英部落の人々でも情感的な宗教信者であつたなら、きつと佛の靈驗をかつぎ出したことであろう。

六月

（我が誕生日を祝して）

板口富美子

六月は、ざくろの花さく月。
六月は、むらさきつゆくさの花さく月。
六月は、はつせみのなく月。
六月は、雨蛙がないて雨をよぶ月。
六月は、雨のはれ間の緑が美しい月。
はなやかなよそおいはないが
すべてのものがいのちにみち、
すべてのものがゆたかに育く
さわやかな
六月二十日
こんな月の
こんな日
私は生れて來たのだろうか。
三十七度目の
我が生れ月を迎えて
ゆかたの肌ざわりに初夏のすがしさを
生きのよろこびにあふれておもう。

獨り居て

ト市　田中阿[illegible]子

ボースデーに子等のくれたる鉢植の　眼にすがしもよ白きそのばら
白ばらのほのかに香るわが部屋に　ひとりこもれり針はこびつつ
ブッセの詩『山のあなた』を讀み終り　わがうつせみを思いてみるも
擱くも　わが綴りし　詩の稿を紙上にみつけし心のおどりよ
乙女ときわが愛誦の綴れさて　懐しき胸をしばし蘇さむ

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修理中の發電所を國連軍再攻の準備

【ワシントン發】國連空軍が先月北鮮内の五發電所に爆撃を加えたが、その後、これら爆破された發電所は共産軍によって修理工事がすすめられつつあることが偵察機により報告されているので、國連空軍は再び北鮮内の發電所に對し空爆を行う準備を整えているといわれる。先月の爆撃行に際しては發電用ダムは破壊せぬよう細心の注意が拂われ、ただ發電所その他の施設にのみ爆彈を集中投下したことが明らかにされており、さらに鴨綠江上の水豊ダムの關係側に屬する半分には傷一つ與えておらないということについて米國防省では「發電所の爆撃は全く軍事的作戰で戰爭方針に何等の變更はない。目的は平和時には人民を福するダムを破壊することなく、共産軍の軍事產業を崩壊するにあったのだ」と發表している。

【東京發】台灣政府の四名の將官が十五日東京着、クラーク大將と會見することになっている。

【コロンボ發】セイロン國の水產業開發のためカナダは百万弗を援助する協約に先週末調印した。

勞働不安は深まる
ビーシー州内の失業四万名以上

【晩市發】ビーシー州内の主要產業がストライキのために立往生しているが、いつまでも解決がつかずにこのまゝであればビーシー州は重大な經濟的危機におちいるであろうと憂慮されている。現在ストに入って以來一ケ月の山林業勞働者三万二千人をふくみ約四万人以上の勞働者が勞働紛爭のために失業している

△ロッガー三万二千人△カーペンター三千人△ペインター九百人

このために州内の商店は商賣がめっきり減少して青息吐息の有様。ジョンソン首相はスト解決のため調停に入ることを拒絶している。また今週末には漁者が一時延期したストライキ問題がもち上ってくるなどビーシー州は未曾有の勞働不安に直面しつゝある

あきれた馬鹿騒ぎ
何んとかならぬか米政黨大會

シカゴにおける共和黨大會の模様についてクリスチャン・サイエンス・モニター紙編集者カンハム氏は次の通り報じている

△私はシカゴ屠殺所に自分の順番をおとなしく待っている牡牛が、最大の家畜見世物館であるアンピセエターで人間どもが昨今やっていることを見てくれなかったことをただただ望むものだ。もっとよい方法でやれないはずがない

△それは全く馬鹿げたデモンストレーションであり、これを中止するかさもなくば減らすことである。大會の疲れ果てた代表は二十分から四十分もドナリ叫んで自分の候補者を宣傳する。もはやこのやり方は商業化してこの鳴物騒ぎに一人いくらで雇われているのである。同じことがシカゴのホテルのロビーで、又は街上でジャン〳〵と行われている。この馬鹿げた行動は政治的には何等の意味もなさない

△もちろん、アメリカ人は元氣旺盛でドナリ、わめいたりすることを止める法律はあってはならないが、まじめな後援とウソのヒステリアとを區分するラインをつけることができないのか。ひどいのはシカゴ街上を、偉大なアメリカ人の名前を擴聲器を通じて使い「われわれはマッカサーを欲する。ツーデル、ツードルツー」と歌調子でやるのは以ての外だ。マ元帥の出馬を希望するなら希望するでよい。しかしシンギング・コマーシャルは止めてもらいたい

△このような大統領候補指名大會はこれが最後のものとなるだろうか。私はそう希望するがとうていならないだろう

日本近況 秋には總選擧

【東京、今井發】獨立した日本を今大きくゆり動かしているのは破壊活動防止法案に對する左右兩派の衝突である。この法案は三月、日本の現政權を握っている吉田内閣の自由黨が共產黨の破壊活動を封じこもうとして議會に政府提案として提出したものだ。元來この法案が共產黨の破壊活動を抑ねようとするだけなら反對を呼ばなかったかも知れない。しかしこれは内亂、ソウジョウを直接行うものでなくこれを煽動したり、この疑のある文書を持っているだけでも處罰しようとするものだから國民の思想を抑壓することゝし、かつての治安維持法のように政府に惡用され、遂には言論の自由を奪い、かつての軍閥政治の犯したあやまちを再びくり返すのではないかというので俄然反對の聲が高まったものである。すでに勞働組合はもとより、新聞協會、東大總長以下の學者陣、小說家などの攻撃をうけ、左右兩派社會黨、改進黨も反對運動をまき起し、過激な勞働組合のゼネスト、大學生のストもこれに抗議する目的であった。しかし自由黨は多數の力で遂に參議院を三日修正通過させた。秋には講和後の政策を國民に問うため衆議院は解散、總選擧となることになっている。

人氣を失う
英保守黨政府

英國世論調査所の調査によると英保守政府は組閣以來九カ月の今日、國民の信頼を失って人氣は勞働黨に傾いていると次の調査結果を發表した。

△質問 もし總選擧が明日行われるとすればあなたは如何に投票しますか

△答 勞働黨に投票する四九パーセント、保守黨に四〇・五パーセント、自由その他に一〇・五パーセント

熱波なお續く
一〇〇度を突破

トロント地方の熱波はまだ續いており、去る日曜の最高氣温は九〇度だと氣象臺から發表されたが、木蔭の溫度でさえ一〇二、三度という記録を示したほどである。オンタリオ州で一番暑かったのはセント・トーマスの一〇四度、南中部オ州はまだ暑い天候に見舞われるだろうとのことである。この暑さでト市地方で子供三人が水泳中に溺死している。一老人はハイウエーで暑さのため心臟マヒで卒倒死した。ビーシー州よりの報道によるとヒデリ續きで山火事が諸々方々におこっているとのことである

ア元帥勝つ
大統領候補に

シカゴにおける共和黨大會で大統領候補にアイゼンハワー元帥が絶對多數で指名された。ア元帥は第一回投票で六一四票を獲得、タフト氏は五〇〇票でマ元帥はわずか一〇票であった

日本に暴風雨

【東京發】先週西部日本一帶を襲った大暴風雨のため判明せる死者八三名と朝日新聞で十三日報じている。なお行方不明九二、負傷九四、廣範圍にわたって財產の損害があった由

三新造船が
日本から晩市へ

既報の通り日本郵船のほかに今回川崎汽船會社が日本・カナダ間定期航路を來る十月一日から開始することになっているが、晩市入港の第一船はカスカワ丸で十月一日着の豫定、シンセフト丸は十月二十四日、タイゲン丸は十月廿六日に到着するが何れも一万トン級の新造船である

はなし

カイロ近くにあるピラミッドの四五〇呎の高所から飛び降り自殺した男があった。これが最初のレコードである

ヘルシンキの悩み
オ大會に備え早くも買溜め

【ヘルシンキ發】第十五回オリムピック開催地ヘルシンキは全世界のスポーツファンを收容するオリムピック村の最後の仕上げを終して今や全く準備を完了した。今までにオ大會が開かれた都市の中で一番小さいこのヘルシンキの町の人々は細かいことまでに氣をつかい、立派な大會に仕上げようと一生懸命になっている

ヘルシンキでは一つの心配事が起った。それはオ大會の期間中に食料やタバコが不足するのではないかと心配していることである。そこでヘルシンキの人々は罐詰やタバコの買いだめを初めている。フィンランド銀行では大會中の措置について考慮し、當局では食料品買いだめの取締りに頭を痛ましている。

Five Nisei On U. S. Olympic Team

NEW YORK — In proportion to their numbers in the United States, including Hawaii, Niseis make up a sizeable and important chunk of the U.S. Olympic squad. Five Niseis are among the 300-odd American athletes who have been flown in groups from here for the 1952 games in Helsinki.

Niseis who won places on the team are four men and one girl, of whom two of the men and the sole girl representative are swimmers. The other two are weightlifters.

While this is not the first time that Niseis have made the squad going to the international games, this is their best opportunity yet to score major victories and points for the American team. In the 1948 games, three Niseis made the weightlifting team and Harold Sakata mounted the rostrum to receive the second-place medal.

The swimmers are rated to have an excellent chance to become Olympic champions. Evelyn Kawamoto, the 18-year-old freestylist from the University of Hawaii, holder of the 400-metre record will enter that event and could be the first across the finish line. She will also swim in the relay.

Ford Konno of Honolulu, and now a student at Ohio State University, considered America's greatest middle-distance swimmer, will race in the 400-metre, 1,500-metre and the 800-metre relay, all freestyle events.

While Konno is the best known of the Nisei members, it may be Yoshi Oyakawa in the 100-metre backstroke who will come out the Olympic champion. Also from Hawaii, and enrolled at Ohio State, the 18-year-old Japanese American has been the surprise of the tryouts, bettering the Olympic record in the 100-metre backstroke in beating two reigning national champions, and Allan Stack, the 1948 Olympic champion who holds the world's record.

Weightlifting Niseis are Richard Tomita, the only Nisei to be headed for his second Olympics who will take part in the lightweight class, and Tommy Kono of Sacramento, who is entered in the 148-pound class. No relation of swimming Konno, the weightlifter is the only Nisei who does not hail from Hawaii. Both strongmen are championship possibilities in Helsinki.

Passes up Tournament To be Mangrum's Caddy

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Harry Nishimura, "King of the Caddies" at the St. Paul Open last year, turned down a chance to play in the National Junior Chamber of Commerce golf tournament by deciding not to play in the Minnesota finals for which he has qualified.

Nishimura led 37 youngsters under 18 with a 77 to be eligible for the state finals, but he has decided not to enter. The reason is that he wants to be around when the St. Paul Open tournament is played.

Last year, Nishimura, 17, caddied for the winning Lloyd Mangrum who said that if he came back again in 1952, he wanted the Nisei youngster to carry his clubs. Mangrum is coming back.

Calgary Niseis Bowl League Successful

CALGARY, Alta. — The Calgary Nisei Club held a 4-team spring bowling league this year, introducing the game to many who have never before cavorted on bowling alleys. Great improvement was shown by most of the players as the schedule closed.

Final standings showed Eagles captained by Kay Sasaki on top followed by Falcons (Amy Okazaki), Cardinals (Ken Matsune) and Orioles (Kelly Nagai).

Tomiko Kamitomo copped both ladies triple (565) and high averages while Ken Matsune dominated the men with triples 637, singles 275, and the high average. Marie Furukawa bowled the best single for the ladies, with 245.

The Calgary Nisei Club's next activity is its annual picnic in the near future for all JC's in Calgary and district. A fall and winter bowling league is also being planned. —G.Y.

Yamauchi Bros. Dominate Alta. Golf Tourney

CALGARY — It looked like a field day for the Yamauchi's at the Alberta Japanese Golf Tournament. Three of them ganged up at the Inglewood Golf Course on June 29, to cop the trophies.

Elias Yamauchi, the youngest and the biggest, won the Silk-O-Lina Trophy with a blistering low net of 15-under par over the 36 holes all played in one day. Gus Yamauchi was runner-up.

Low gross was tied and two identical trophies were presented to Henry Yamauchi and Don Matsuba.

Thanks to the Yamauchi's, Edmonton claimed three of four trophies as the largest turnout so far, 22, toured the course twice around. One of the entries was a 70-year old "young man" from High River, Mr. Kuwata.

Banquet was held at the New China, where Mr. H. Kuwahara presented the trophy on behalf of the Silk-O-Lina to Mr. E. Yamauchi, as well as the other trophies as secretary of the Alta. JGC.

HAMILTON NISEIS DROP TWO MORE, PROLONG LOSSES

HAMILTON — The Hamilton Niseis were swamped in ninth inning deluges by Crawfords, 10-6, 9-3, in the city's intermediate league to prolong their long losing streak to eight games last week.

Two routine pop flies which fell safely set the stage for a grand slam clout and a win for Crawfords in the ninth frame of the first game after F. Shimoda had retired the first two men to face him.

Harold and Mits Shimoda starred as the Niseis infield came up with a brilliant defensive game that included two double plays. Niseis baserunning left a poor taste in the mouths of many rooters as five baserunners were tagged out. Suzuki led the hitters with two triples while Karitsumari, H. Shimoda and Uchida connected for a pair of safeties.

The second game featured Niseis' best defensive game of the season as Harold and Mits Shimoda sparkled again together with T. Hashimoto and H. Kawamoto. Crawfords, however, came up with a last inning rampage again, scoring five times in their 9-3 win.

A good defense but no offense was the story of the Niseis downfall as they garnered a mere four singles, two of them going to K. Kawamoto. Kawamoto and Suzuki got on base a total of six times out of Niseis nine baserunners and pilfered a total of seven bases. —G.K.

Boilermakers Generate Too Much Steam For Faltering Niseis, Losers' Bats Hit Doldrums

By GENICHI OHASHI

VANCOUVER — The "Niseis" took it on the chin twice from the powerful Boilermakers 9-2 on July 6 and 12-2 on July 7 to run their current loss streak to three games. The losses lowered their average to .400, 8 wins, 12 losses in the Industrial League standings. The 9-2 loss represented a replay of the protested game of May 29.

Tommy Hinada, the lanky wild hurler, was again unsuccessful in his attempt to stay on the mound for at least one inning as he was immediately taken out after pitching 12 balls and one strike to the first three batters to fill the bases. The first hit off fireman Sam Shishido was a grand-slam homer by the second batter to face him. Shishido was well in control the rest of way although he yielded nine hits and five walks.

Only three Nisei batters solved the offerings of Scotty Fraser. Azu Oikawa collected three hits while Mush Uyesugi and Toru Nishi each got two.

Ron Montgomery was charged with his fifth defeat of the season. Montgomery and reliefer Herby Koyanagi were touched for eight hits, one of them again a bases-loaded clout.

Niseis who trailed 7-0 after the first two frames, managed only six singles off hurler Murphy.

Hirayama Keeps Pace At Field and at Bat

STOCKTON, Calif. — After more than two weeks of professional baseball, fleet-footed centrefielder of the Stockton Ports of the Class C California League [illegible] maintaining his sparking play.

Although his hitting is down from the torrid pace, he has settled down to a very respectable .291 average with 15 hits in 54 times at bat.

Afield, the little centrefielder's [illegible] has figured in several as[illegible] in making patent throws to the infield. His fielding is continuing to win the hearts of Stockton fans.

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Femme Fare

By CINDERELLA

Maybe You Think It's Not Important . . .

Montreal is buzzing with campaign speeches. No matter where one goes one gets a blast from some blaring loudspeaker. With provincial elections set for the 16th, the candidates aren't wasting any time. One has to be completely deaf and three-quarter moron not to be aware of it.

But some of my friends are completely deaf and three-quarter moron.

The other evening, being hot and sticky, I, Montreal-fashion, parked on my front porch, hungrily taking in a mere suggestion of a breeze. All down the street for some three or four blocks, on similar balconies sat families with a similar vague hope. About six blocks away in the park could be heard the blare of loudspeakers urging my good French citizens to vote for Union Nationale, the People's Choice. It was quite a blast.

"Hi", I said across my porch to that of my neighbour next door, "Some meeting they're having. You're going to vote for the other party, of course", I said, remembering his hatred of Duplessis. "No", he shrugged, "makes no difference who gets in. One's as bad as the other. Me vote? That's good!" And he let out gales of laughter, mentally patting himself on the back for being a pretty bright guy.

I thought of my Nisei friend I came part way home with today. He's a personable individual. He'd just got married several months ago, and he told me that he and his wife were both working for the down payment on one of those 20-year Government Housing bungalows. We talked about his mother and father. He told me they were both back on the coast. Pretty old, but both quite well, living on their old-age pensions. My eye suddenly caught a banner sign across a building front: "Vote Liberal — Lapalme's your man." "You going to vote . . ." I asked. "Who, me? Naw, don't know nuthin' about politics Not interested in it . . . and even if I wanted to vote, I ain't got the time."

I recalled two housewives discussing the coming elections. One said, "My husband says they're all crooks." The other agreed. "And anyway, I can't take the time off to go and vote . . . I've an appointment with the hairdresser on the 16th . . ."

I asked two very charming Nisei ettes a few years out of their teens about voting. "Oh, we haven't even thought about it . . ."

It all made me a good deal ashamed of my fellow Canadians.

They don't like the way the government is run. They don't like the people who are running for office. So they decide — no, not "decide" — that's too much effort — they just let elections go by while they attend to their comforts.

In their short-circuited minds they think they're good citizens. They pay taxes. They mind their own business. They never tangle with the police. In their own estimation, they're pretty nice people — earning their own living, enjoying the good things of life, banking a percentage of their earnings for the proverbial rainy day, donating something to their favourite charity. They'd be the first to damn anyone who dare question their citizenship value.

It never occurs to my fine friends that their responsibility as citizens goes beyond minding one's own business, paying taxes and staying out of jail. We live in a democracy — bristling with all kinds of anomalies — but still a good one as democracies go. And we must keep it good. An editorial on citizenship has said: "The second requirement of the good citizen is that he shall take seriously his badge of citizenship — the vote — and use it with all the discretion at his command. It is for this that he needs the knowledge of language and tradition, so that he can be readily reached by the mean and the issues between which he must choose. Our government in Canada is representative government; it cannot function adequately unless it really represents; it cannot really represent unless all the people exercise their prerogative to choose who shall represent them."

My smart friends think differently.

My jovial neighbour considers himself a pretty sharp guy. He "ain't gonna to vote for nobody." No sir, he's too smart to support a slick operator. But he's going to be paying taxes despite his ducking of responsibilities, to that slick operator.

My Nisei friend can't be bothered with politics. He thinks politics have nothing to do with him. He's got too many things on his mind — like buying a house for his wife. But the house he's buying is a government project. His mom and dad's pension is government granted.

My two housewives — charming people — are much too busy. They're quite immune to the fact that there are plans underfoot to charge children for their education. Their Susans and Gordons might be getting Family Allowances but maybe they'll have to pay for a general education in the province of Quebec.

As for the two lovely Nisei ettes — upon their own admission, "they haven't even thought about it."

My friends haven't come around to realizing that whatever comforts they now possess, whatever allowances they receive, whatever privileges they enjoy are theirs, not through any effort of their own, but through the efforts of Canadians who keep their citizenship a growing thing — a developing thing.

And it's good thing these people are still in the majority. If it weren't for them, my smart friends wouldn't even have the choice of being apathetic.

Oh, my friends are much smarter than I am. They're much too busy achieving those material things to take fifteen minutes off to go to the polls. Perhaps if suddenly, they were swept behind the Iron Curtain where freedom and individual choice are dreams perpetuated by suffering, danger and even death — perhaps they might get off of their comfortable, apathetic behinds and a do a little contributing to a country which gives them the privileges they enjoy.

Personal Notes

MARRIAGES

AZUMA — NISHIMURA

TORONTO — The marriage of Kay Kikuye, sister of Mr. Gengo Nishimura, and David Iwao Azuma, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Azuma, took place on June 28 at the Canadian Legion Hall. Rev. T. Tsuji officiated.

Following reception at the Hoe Sai Gay, the couple went to New York for their honeymoon.

ENGAGEMENTS

LONDON, Ont — Mr. and Mrs. Shigetaro Kagawa announce the engagement of their daughter, Kazuko, to Arthur Obokata, younger son of Mrs. Miyo Obokata and the late Mr. Kisaburo Obokata. The marriage will take place August 2 at the Centennial United Church, London.

BIRTHS

OPAL, Alta. — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tadao Kimura on July 3 a daughter, Noriko.

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TORONTO — Born to Mrs and Mrs. Tammy Marubashi (nee Miyoko Iwasaki) at Women's College Hospital on June 30, a daughter, Mary Jane.

Maria Stella Picnic Lure 140 to Bowen Is.

VANCOUVER — One hundred and forty Niseis enjoyed the well-knitted picnic of the Maria Stella Club, at Bowen Island on June 29.

Races, ball games and delectable food were the order of the day with the Centipede race being the highlight of the outing. Also well-enjoyed was the cruise to the picnic grounds through picturesque scenery.

Raffle prize winners were: lamp, Madeline Kuramoto, Steveston; blanket, W. F. Barker; garment bag, Mr. Mulhern, Langlie Prairie; theatre tickets, Sadie Kobayashi; and gift certificate, Diane Morizawa.

In charge of the successful outing was ex-Montrealer Sam Sugie, and the club's touted tennis player.

Special thanks go to all who attended.

"Mart".

JCCA, Church Fetes Visiting Minister

VANCOUVER — The Vancouver JCCA together with the Vancouver Japanese United Church welcomed Rev. Kosaburo Shimizu, minister of the Queen Street United Church in Toronto, when he arrived in Vancouver recently on his two-month tour of Western Canada.

A reception at the Bamboo Terrace was sponsored by the two groups on July 14, following which, Rev. Shimizu gave a lecture at the First United Church, Gore and Hastings. He showed pictures of the funeral of the late Dr. Shuichi Kusaka and conditions among the Japanese Canadians in Eastern Canada.

Rev. Shimizu, prior to the war, was minister of the Japanese United Church in Vancouver.

—G.O.

Donation Solves Calif. Old Age Home Problem

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — One problem of an Old Age Home was solved when a Japanese American donated a three-story building at Gilroy Hot Spring in California to the Northern California Japanese Church Federation.

Kusaburo Sakata also made improvements amounting to $8,000 on the house which will accommodate 60 persons. He also pledged to give all payments received as social security to the operating fund to help pay the home manager's salary.

Toronto JCCA Chapter Membership Fund Drive

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

JULY

19—Winnipeg. Manitoba JCCA Annual Picnic, at West Kildonan Park, 1 p.m.

20—Toronto. Kika Nisei Club Picnic, Jackson's Point, Lake Simcoe.

AUGUST

3—Toronto. U. of Toronto Nisei Students Club picnic, at Alcona Beach, Lake Simcoe.

9—Toronto. — Metropolitan YP Splash-Party Weiner-Roast outing.

CORRECTION

In the July 9 issue, it was reported that Dave Naruse of Toronto had graduated in physiology. It should have read medicine.

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